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BOY DROWNED IN Y.M.C.A. SWIMMING POOL. A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR. THE BATH CONSTRUCTION CRITICISED

Some interesting facts came to light at an Inquiry held at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, presided over by the Coroner (Mr. J. R. Wood), regarding a mysterious drowning case at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, when a Chinese school-boy, aged 14 years, named Woo Kit Ying was found dead in the swimming pool shortly after a class from the Ellis Kadoorie School, who had attended the Y.M.C.A. for physical instruction, had returned to the school. The boy was not missed by his Chinese master until after the class had returned to the school. Mr. R. E. O. Bird, the Headmaster of the school, suggested at the Inquiry that the bath was wrongly constructed in having a door at the deep end of the bath. In England he said it was not allowed.

The Director of Education (the Hon. Mr. E. Irving) attended the Inquiry, and occupied a seat alongside the Coroner. The Jury comprised: Messrs. R. K. Valentine (foreman), C. G. Adams and C. S. Romic.

A Chinese Physical Instructor, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. was the first witness called. He said he taught swimming to the students. On November 8th he was teaching swimming from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and during that time he was instructing boys from the Ellis Kadoorie School. When he left, the swimming pool was clear. He himself turned everybody out. The boys dressed in a locker-room allotted to subscription members. He did not dress in the same room. He completed dressing by 1 p.m. and later he went across the road to have his meal. He afterwards went back to the Association headquarters and a boy informed him that a suit of clothing had been found in the boys' dressing room. He went into the swimming pool. The water in the pool was clear. He hurried to the deep part and he noticed that there was something at the bottom of the pool. He realised it was the body of a boy and with a bamboo pole he dragged the body to the shallow end of the pool. This was at 1.50 p.m. It took him 20 or 30 seconds to drag the body along the bath, which was 60 feet long.

The Coroner: Why did you not jump in at once?

The witness: Because I found a bamboo pole and I saw no need to jump in.

Witness added that the body was naked. The boys at the school did not wear bathing costumes. He did not recognise the boy who appeared to be dead when taken from the water. He tried artificial respiration himself as he was alone. He then informed Mr. Dome, who continued artificial respiration without success. Dr. Chin was sent for and, on his arrival he announced it to be a hopeless case.

Dr. Smalley gave evidence as to seeing the body at the Public Mortuary on the 7th inst. The cause of death was drowning. There was a bruise on the right arm. This was the only mark on the body.

MR. DOME'S EVIDENCE.
After evidence of identification had been called, Mr. A. E. Dome, the Chief Physical Instructor at the Y.M.C.A., gave evidence. He said he had under him a staff of four Chinese instructors. He had charge of the gymnasium and the swimming pool. Two of the three doors to the pool were generally unlocked. The main door at the shallow end was usually locked. The pool was open all day long to members, excepting the boys' classes. When the classes went to the pool one instructor and one cooie were detailed to go with the class. The cooie was there to watch for incidents. The pool was 8 or 9 feet deep at the deep part and 3½ feet at the shallow part. There were steps at each end of the pool and there was an overflow top which served as a grip for swimmers to hold on to. He did not see a rule, take the boys' classes but trained the instructors and took the training classes. The classes arrived in charge of their own masters who handed over the boys to the instructors. After the class the instructor handed the boys over to the master. He remembered being sent for at 1.50 p.m. and found the body of the deceased. There was then no sign of life. Judging from the coldness of the body the boy had been dead at least 30 minutes. The doctor was sent for, but when he arrived he would not say whether the boy was dead or not. He wished the body to be removed to the Tung Wah Hospital where an examination would be made.

Mr. R. E. O. Bird, Headmaster of Ellis Kadoorie School, asked permission to put some questions to the witness. One of the doors, he had said, was opposite the deep end.

The witness said there was a door near the deep end.

Mr. Bird then asked if this was not bad construction, and if the doors should not be at the shallow end. He was told it was not allowed in England to have doors at the deep end of the bath.

The witness: I don't know.

The witness, in reply to the Coroner, said that the door did not lead right into the water. There was a space of about three feet between the door and the edge of the pool.

In reply to the Director of Education, the witness said that at the time the group of boys were receiving their swimming lesson he was in the gymnasium.

The Coroner: Did you think it was your duty to muster them in the locker rooms after their instruction?

The witness: No, that remained with the masters in charge.

You did not see the class mustered, you can't say if any of the boys were missing?—No.

The Director of Education: Is it a fact that the boys do not wear clothing when bathing?—Yes, that is one of the regulations.

The Coroner: What is the object?

The witness said it was for sanitary reasons.

In reply to the Foreman of the Jury, the witness said that there were generally about 25 boys in a class. On this occasion the class numbered about 30 to 35. The total number from the school who attended on the morning in question was about 60. They were divided into two classes—swimmers and non-swimmers.

The Coroner: By swimmers what do you mean?

The witness: Those who hold up their hands when the swimmers are asked to step forward.

Can you say whether the rule of mustering the class is observed by the masters?—Some do.

Witness added that the masters generally mustered the boys outside the gymnasium door and again outside the building.

A cooie who attended the pool with the instructor gave evidence as to the finding of the suit of clothing in the locker-room. He thought they had been left behind, and had them removed to the locker-room. He did not bother to look in the pool when the clothing was found, which was some time after 1 p.m.

CONFLICTING EVIDENCE BY THE MASTERS.

Kong Man Chun, a master at the Ellis Kadoorie School, told the Jury that he had charge of class 2A. On November 8th he took his class of 20 boys to the Y.M.C.A. Another class 2B, under Mr. Chun, also went there. There were 20 boys in 2B Class. The deceased was in witness's class. At the Y.M.C.A. the two classes were combined. They all went to the gymnasium. There was no roll-call and Mr. Dome took charge. They were divided into two lots, one for the gymnasium and one for the swimming pool. He was present when they were divided, but could not say whether the deceased stayed in the gymnasium or went to the pool. After the instruction he mustered the whole 55 boys together, outside the gymnasium. The two classes were not mustered separately. Witness and the other master counted them. He counted 55 and they marched off to the school. When he got back to school and the class was again mustered he then found the deceased was missing. As the boys suggested that he had, perhaps, gone home, witness took no further steps barring threats of punishment on the morrow.

The Coroner: I think the rule at the Y.M.C.A. is that after the instruction class is over that you assemble the boys inside the gymnasium?

The witness: I do not know that rule. I have never assembled my boys inside the gymnasium before. I counted them outside the building.

You say there were 55 boys when you counted them; could you not have made a mistake?—I don't think so.

Did you think that this boy left the building with you?—Yes.

What makes you think that?—They were counted in a double line outside the building in Bridges Street.

The other master (Mr. Chun) was called and stated that the two classes were marched back separately. He could not say whether Mr. Kong counted the boys or not.

The Coroner: What you say does not agree what with Mr. Kong says. He counted 55 altogether. You say you counted them separately; now which is right?

The witness: I counted my boys separately. Whether Mr. Kong counted the two classes I do not know. My class was lined up by itself in proper order.

SITUATION OF DOOR NOT IMPORTANT.
Mr. McPherson, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., was then called and the Coroner said: Mr. Bird criticises the fact that the doors are opposite the deep part of the bath. Are they so situated?

Mr. McPherson: Yes. It is possible for a person to jump into the water almost at once from the door at the deep part.

Mr. Bird: I would like to ask if Mr. McPherson considers the construction is faulty in this respect?

The witness: I don't think that is very important. If the door had been at the shallow end it is just possible that they would dive in at the shallow end and hurt their heads.

The Coroner: All members receive instructions regarding the pool?—They are cautioned about going into the pool without the consent of the attendant.

Is that in print?—I don't think that it is, but there is a notice in both English and Chinese at the deep part of the bath which says "Deep water, be careful."

Mr. R. E. O. Bird, Headmaster of the Ellis Kadoorie School, was next called.

The Coroner: Can you tell me what instructions are given to your masters taking classes to the Y.M.C.A.?

Mr. Bird: They are told to take them there, hand them over for instruction and to bring them back and to see that the boys are marched through the streets in an orderly manner. I did not anticipate any danger in this way.

Mr. Bird added that it was difficult for the master to tell which of his boys was missing until he got them back in his own class.

The Coroner: Before this incident have you ever inspected this swimming pool?—Yes, I have.

And you were satisfied that your boys could use it?—Yes.

HELPING TO PROMOTE THE ENDS OF JUSTICE. PUISNE JUDGE COMPLIMENTS WITNESSES

It should be stated that, at the conclusion of the Wing Wo Street robbery and shooting case, at the Criminal Sessions, Mr. Justice Gompertz not only commended Revenue Officer Ward, but other witnesses, also, for the commendable part they played in the affair. The Judge complimented, particularly, Jhamat Nal Mahiani, a silk merchant, who still held on to his man, though stabbed three or four times; also Che Ying, the principal tenant of the house in which the robbery occurred, for pursuing the thieves. Che Ying managed to stun the robber with whom the Indian was wrestling and by so doing probably saved the Indian's life. Chang Fat, one of the men robbed, who helped by running out for help, and Ip Kun, a detective, who had a narrow escape from being shot, were also commended for their part in the affair.

The Judge remarked that if people would only pick up courage and pursue robbers they would greatly assist the ends of justice, as the people in this case had done.

J. B. LAL SUMMONED. CHARGED UNDER THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.

J. B. Lal, who is described in the local newspaper advertisements as "the able Indian Physician from Singapore" and who guarantees to cure colds, catarrh, neuritis, etc., in less than two minutes, has been summoned to appear before the Magistrate for practising for gain and professing to practice in medicine and surgery, not being a registered practitioner under the Medical Registration Ordinance of 1884.

The specified date of the alleged offence is shown in the summons as November 15th.

Mr. Lal has been advertising his cure in the Colony since last August, and his consulting address as No. 19, Nathan Road, Kowloon. A feature of Mr. Lal's say here is his offer of a reward of \$1,000 to be paid to any person who is able to cure "the disease he mentions" within two minutes.

The case was down for hearing before Mr. J. B. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday, and Mr. T. M. Hastering, the Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared in Court to prosecute on behalf of the police. The defendant, however, did not put in an appearance, nor was his solicitor, Mr. Longinotte able to attend. The hearing of the case has been fixed for Wednesday next.

We notice an advertisement in the Canton Times which says that "J. B. Lal, the able physician coming from Hongkong to Canton is now ready to receive anyone who wishes to consult him" and the advertisement gives the address as Room 242, fourth floor, Asia Hotel, Canton.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG HONOURS IN ENGINEERING.

The Assessors from the University of London, Professor S. M. Dixon, M.A., M.Sc., Professor D. A. Low (Emeritus Professor of Civil and Mechanical Engineering), and Professor T. Mather, F.R.S., have reported on the results of the Final Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering held by the University of Hongkong in May, 1922, that the work of four candidates was of a high order of excellence and worthy of 1st Class Honours, while the work of one candidate deserves 2nd Class Honours, adding that these recommendations follow the standard of marking equal to the London B.Sc. Examination. In consequence of this report, the Senate of the University has made the following award of Honours in Engineering:—

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THE SUMMING-UP AND VERDICT.

The Coroner, in summing-up, said that there could be no doubt that the boy met his death by accidental drowning. How the boy got into the bath it was impossible to say. It was probable that he went into the bath by himself after the others had gone. It was not likely that he would be left in the bath by himself. The evidence given by the masters was not satisfactory, but they agreed that the class left the Y.M.C.A. after 12 noon and Mr. Dome said that when he saw the body at 1.50 p.m. the boy, in his opinion, had not been dead more than half an hour. There could be no blame attached to anyone and the important point was to prevent a recurrence in future. It was for the Jury to make any comment they thought fit on the matter.

After a brief consultation the Jury returned a verdict of accidental death and recommended that the door of the swimming pool be locked in the absence of the instructor. They also recommended that a railing be placed between the entrance of the locker room and the edge of the pool.

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Hongkong, 24th November, 1922. [1921]

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

ACTION No. 2 of 1920.

BETWEEN LAU TAI TAO, LAU TANG SHI, LAU SHI SHI, LAU YIU SHI and LAU LAI SHI, Plaintiffs, and LAU SHIU CHUAN, Defendant.

By Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, and Under the direction of the Registrar, Supreme Court.

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THOUGHTS ON THE RECENT ELECTION.

Nothing could show more convincingly than the result of the General Election in Great Britain how completely Coalition Government had ceased to make an appeal to the electorate. Coalition, of course, is alien both to the English political tradition, and the national temperament. The marvel is that a Coalition Government endured for so long. Formed during the war with the country fighting for its life, Coalition was then the ideal system under which to carry on the nation's affairs. It enabled men of every shade of political thought to co-operate in the common cause according to the measure of their abilities. Later on, when the war was over it also served a useful purpose while everything was in a state bordering upon chaos—when trade, commerce, private affairs, social habits, family life, ideas generally were all disturbed to a degree beyond precedent in history. But conditions are now different, and things are settling down again. At the last General Election in 1918 there was talk of the possibility of Revolution. A month ago the political managers, faced with another General Election, were trying to assure electors there would not be Reaction if they returned the Conservatives. That statement, we think, eloquently describes within the compass of a sentence how completely the pendulum has swung in four years.

Looking back upon what has happened since 1918 it is by no means surprising that Mr. Lloyd George's Administration became unpopular as time went on. When he was returned, riding on the crest of the wave of victory, he received the unbounded confidence of the whole

nation. He was the one man in Britain considered capable of clearing up the terrible mess caused by four years of devastating warfare. He promised a great deal, including a new Heaven upon Earth in which "swords were to be beaten into plough-shares," and war would never be heard of again; he was to make England "a land fit for heroes"; there would be work for all, and the men who came back from the war would be rewarded in divers ways for all their sufferings and sacrifices. But this is an imperfect world, and there are some promises—notably the promises of politicians before an election—which are impossible of fulfilment. This is especially true in the case of a Coalition Government, for the simple reason that, because it is a Coalition, it is impracticable to advance very far in any direction, every step being the signal for a host of enemies to rise up and bar the way.

One time the Protectionists in the Cabinet were getting the upper hand and pushing their pet nostrums, with the result that the so-called Safeguarding of Industries Act was placed on the Statute Book. It pleased manufacturers of glass and chemicals and many other more or less related industries, but it maddened Lancashire, where Free Trade is as the breath of the nostrils to manufacturers. In the case of Ireland one section was for letting things alone till the Irish could agree about the future of Ulster, another section was content to give Home Rule, and it ended by the creation of Ireland as a Free State without any reference to the English electorate. Again, we had the Prime Minister giving the agricultural industry the guarantee of a State subsidy in the shape of a minimum wage for the labourers; and within six months the same Prime Minister casts his words, breaks his promise, says the country cannot afford the subsidy (which is perfectly true), and leaves the farmers and their men in a state of suppressed animosity against politicians in general and those of the Coalition variety in particular. It has been much the same in foreign affairs; there has been a lack of any fixed policy, with the result that it came to pass, as it is said in the parables, nobody would trust the Coalition Government from one day to another. Coalition came to be a bye-word for clever political juggling. The idea became firmly fixed in the popular mind that politicians were mainly anxious to keep their seats in the House of Commons and draw their salaries, instead of using their best endeavours to reduce taxation, which is killing trade and enterprise of all kinds, to stop waste in national expenditure, which is declared to be more rampant than in any Government since the days of the Stuarts, and to work for the restoration of financial stability in Europe. Finally, there was the trouble with the Turks. The narrow escape which the country had from a long and bloody war with Turkey was in the nature of the last straw. It proved too much even for the docile British public. Feeling grew up in the constituencies against the Cabinet, especially the Prime Minister, Lord BIRKENHEAD, and Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL, the three men held to be responsible for our Near East policy, and the whole rank and file of the Con-

servative Members of Parliament got frightened. Thus the fateful meeting at the Carlton Club was arranged to discuss the situation. Mr. CHAMBERLAIN, as Leader of the House of Commons, evidently thought he would have received a vote of confidence; but the majority against anything of the kind was overwhelming, and was as sudden as it was surprising to him and other Ministers. The way the overthrow of the Government was brought about is without parallel in the political history of the country. The Government was defeated—not on the floor of the House of Commons in a division on some first-rate measure, but at a private meeting of members of the Party which had hitherto ensured for it an unassailable majority in Parliament. The crisis was dramatically sudden. The meeting of Members at the Carlton Club was held early in the afternoon. On the same day the leaders of the Miners' Federation had a long-standing engagement with Mr. Lloyd George at 10, Downing Street, and duly put in an appearance. They were kept waiting a little while, and when the Prime Minister appeared they asked when the matter could be settled by the Government. "When there is another Prime Minister to meet you," he replied. Before they recovered from their astonishment, he

added: "I am no longer the head of his Majesty's Government, and, therefore, am not in a position to commit the Government to anything." He further said he had just returned from Buckingham Palace, having tendered his resignation to the King. We doubt whether there has ever been an instance of a Prime Minister announcing his own resignation to a Labour deputation on his own doorstep.

As to the future, the election expresses the view that sound judgment is likely to serve the country better in its present convalescent but still strained state than versatile brilliancy. Those associated with Mr. BOWEN LAW in the conduct of Conservative politics are judicious and experienced statesmen, and the leaders possess an unsurpassed record of service for the national welfare carried out in the true national spirit. "None of us ought to be a party to breaking the word of England," said Lord SALISBURY in the course of a recent speech on the subject; and that is the view of Conservatives generally.

The Philharmonic Society will hold a practice in the Cathedral Hall on Monday, December 4th, at 5.15 p.m.—Advt.

The official rate of the dollar for all payments fixed in sterling which have to be made in Hongkong and on the China Station during the month of December, 1922, will be 2s 5d.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. B. McElderry were passengers on the N.Y.K. *Hama Maru*, as far as Singapore. They have gone to Bangkok where Mr. McElderry is attending the Red Cross Congress as one of the representatives of the Colonial Office.

On the occasion of the investiture of the Prince of Wales as Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, at the Royal Albert Hall, on October 25th, the Brevet Rank of Assistant Director of Ceremonies was conferred upon Wor. Bro. A. R. Morris, District Grand Secretary of Hongkong and South China.

A small fire broke out in a medicine shop in Shanghai Street, Yaumatei, early yesterday morning. The blaze is said to have originated amongst a stock of dried herbs and it rapidly spread to the first floor. The Fire Brigade was soon on the scene and, with the assistance of the inmates, the fire was got under control after some damage had been done to both floors.

With reference to the interview we published yesterday, with Mr. J. A. E. da Silva, a Macao Government official, we incorrectly assumed that Mr. da Silva came to Hongkong in connection with the piracy. That was not the case, but being in Hongkong on other business, he called at the *Daily Press* office to explain matters in connection with the piracy so far as official action at Macao was concerned in order that certain wrong impressions prevailing in Hongkong might be corrected.

Mr. H. G. Simms, Manager of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, has been transferred to the London office, to take effect in March, according to the *China Press*. Mr. Simms, who has spent 30 years in the Far East as manager of the Union Insurance Society in Hongkong and Shanghai, will become manager for the Society and affiliated companies in London. He went to Shanghai from Hongkong in 1909. Mr. Simms has served two years on the Municipal Council and at the present time is Chairman. As there is to be an election before Mr. Simms leaves Shanghai in March he will not resign, but will not stand for re-election.

In connection with the new telephone contract in Calcutta, we observe that a Committee of the Corporation has recommended that all charges payable to the Corporation by the Telephone Company should be doubled on the same ground as the Telephone Company have raised their charges. The charges they pay to the Corporation under the present contract are—Rs. 1-10-0 per annum for each pole and each bracket; Rs. 3 per annum for each tripod; and Rs. 50 per annum for every mile or a part of a mile of trench for underground cables, subject to a minimum charge. The decision is of interest, says the *Englishman*, in view of the recent memorial of the four Public Utility Service Companies to the Government of Bengal protesting against the possibility of a grant of powers under the new Municipal Bill to the Calcutta Corporation to reassess these companies for purposes of revenue.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.)LAUSANNE CONFERENCE
NEWS.

BULGARIA'S OUTLET TO THE AEGEAN SEA.

LAUSANNE, November 23rd.

The first commission of the conference have appointed a sub-commission to consider, *inter alia*, the establishment of a demilitarized zone on the frontier of East Thrace. The sub-commission will also endeavour to arrange a Bulgarian outlet on the Aegean Sea.

EARLIER CABLES.

RUSSIAN OPINIONS AND INTENTIONS.

LAUSANNE, November 23rd.

Vorovsky, head of the Russian commercial delegation to Rome, has arrived here.

He stated he would ask to participate in the conference on the same footing as Bulgaria, and declared that the Soviet is absolutely opposed to the capitulations.

He said the Russian delegation was composed of Chicherin, Dakovsky and himself.

He further declared that Russia would support all the Turkish claims, but would not agree to placing the Straits under the control of the League of Nations.

ANOTHER U.S. OBSERVER.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 23rd.

Admiral Bristol, the American High Commissioner, is leaving this morning for Lausanne to act as associate observer on behalf of the United States.

HOLLAND APPOINTS REPRESENTATIVES.

THE HAGUE, November 23rd.

In response to an invitation to appoint representatives at Lausanne, the Netherlands Government has nominated Herr Panhuys, the Minister at Bern, and two others.

LATEST CABLES.

M. CLEMENCEAU'S MISSION TO U.S.A.

M. CLEMENCEAU'S UTTERANCE CRITICISED IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, November 23rd.

M. Clemenceau's utterance was under fire in the Senate, where, during a sharp debate covering recent relationships, Senator Hitchcock declared that M. Clemenceau's attitude towards Germany detracted from his appeal to the American people, although it was mild compared with the attitude of the present French Government.

Senator Hitchcock pictured Germany as being on the verge of insurrection, as the result of the French reparations policy, and declared that it was utter nonsense to expect Germany to meet the demands France had exacted. The French policy was a policy of war and not of peace.

Senator Borah declared that M. Clemenceau's accusation of dishonour, against America, was unfounded and ungrateful.

Senator Sterling (Republican) closed the debate with a defence of M. Clemenceau, whose fears of Germany, he said, were well founded.

M. CLEMENCEAU WELCOMES CRITICISM.

NEW YORK, November 23rd.

M. Clemenceau, interviewed en route to Boston, said he welcomed the criticism, and declared that that was what he came for.

EARLIER CABLES.

SOME PRESS CRITICISM.

NEW YORK, November 23rd.

Commenting on M. Clemenceau's address yesterday, the newspapers generally sympathized with the appeal for the defence of France against future aggression.

The *New York World* says M. Clemenceau has not made clear what could be done practically to relieve France.

The *World* says in order to gain sympathy M. Clemenceau must deal with the present and future of Europe, not the past.

The *Globe* says M. Clemenceau does not see that peace may be secured more effectively by implements of peace than implements of war.

A SHARP REBUKE FROM SENATOR BORAH.

The speech created a furore in the lobby of Congress. Senator Borah derided the statement that America was responsible for the present difficulties of Europe, and declared that M. Clemenceau himself more than any other living statesman was responsible for the impossible, destructive terms of the Versailles Treaty.

Senator Norris declared that the fact that Americans opposed onerous alliances ought to settle the matter.

BIOT AT AMSTERDAM.

AMSTERDAM, November 23rd.

The police charged crowds of unemployed who were creating a disturbance and smashing windows of warehouses in the centre of the city.

LATEST CABLES.

BRITISH POLITICS.

EARL GREY'S WARNING REGARDING RUSSIA, TURKEY AND GERMANY.

LONDON, November 23rd.

During the House of Lords' debate on the King's speech, Earl Grey dwelt on the ominousness of the foreign situation. He declared that we are not far off, and probably have already reached, a point at which Russia, Turkey and Germany are forming a combination. The lesson should be taken to heart by France and Italy as much as Great Britain.

Lord Salisbury, in replying, said that the Government was determined to maintain Allied friendship at the Lausanne Conference.

STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, November 23rd.

Their Majesties opened Parliament in state this morning with the usual ceremonial.

They were loudly cheered by large crowds.

The weather was dull.

EARLIER CABLES.

DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, November 23rd.

In the House of Commons, in the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, the mover and seconder dwelt on the peril of unemployment and the change in the position of Ireland.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald criticised the reference to unemployment in the King's Speech as not revealing a real appreciation of the terrible tragedy.

Mr. Bonar Law declared that the Government intended to do nothing to give an excuse for going back on the Irish Treaty. He reaffirmed his refusal to see an unemployed deputisation, which would be a precedent detracting from the responsibilities of constitutional Ministers.

As regards foreign affairs, our aim was peace and so far there was every prospect of getting it.

Mr. Asquith urged that in addition to the Allies the area of discussion at Lausanne should be widened to cover all nations, great and small, interested in the question, thus evolving a settlement on broad foundations.

LATEST CABLES.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF KING OF RUMANIA.

ROYAL TRAIN NARROWLY ESCAPES DESTRUCTION.

LONDON, November 23rd.

Reports from Bucharest state that an attempt has been made on the King of Rumania's life. His Majesty was returning by train from a hunt in Transylvania, when the train which preceded him was derailed, owing to the line having been destroyed.

FRENCH MILITARY SERVICE.

PERIOD REDUCED TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS.

PARIS, November 23rd.

The Senate Army Commission, by 16 votes to 15, have decided in favour of a period of military service of eighteen months, instead of the present two years' service.

THE M.C.C. ON TOUR.

GRAHAMSTOWN MATCH DRAWN.

GRAHAMSTOWN, November 23rd.

Grahamstown, playing 15 men, declared their innings closed with nine men out for 339 runs. The M.C.C. had scored 350 for the loss of five wickets when stumps were drawn. Sandham scored 124, Fender 80, and Mead 93 not out. The match was drawn.

OBITUARY.

BARON SONNINO.

ROME, November 23rd.

The death is announced of Baron Sidney Sonnino.

[Baron Sidney Sonnino was born at Pisa, March 11th, 1847. His mother was English. He was an LL.D. University of Pisa 1885; member of the Italian Parliament, 1890-1919, holding various ministerial appointments including the Premiership 1906, 1909-1910.]

EARLIER CABLES.

AMERICAN MINING DISASTER.

EIGHTY-THREE BODIES RECOVERED.

BIRMINGHAM (Alabama), Nov. 23rd.

It is now believed that there are a hundred dead in the mine explosion.

Eighty-three bodies have been recovered. As many as sixty injured are expected to die.

RUSSIAN FINANCES.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC TO BE SUSPENDED.

REVAL, November 23rd.

The Moscow newspaper *Isvestia* states that the Russian railways are suffering so seriously financially that it is proposed to suspend traffic on certain lines.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.)

ORIENTALS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THEIR EXCLUSION URGED.

VANCOUVER, November 23rd.

Mr. E. D. Barrow, Minister of Agriculture (British Columbia) advocating, in the Provincial Legislature, an amendment to the British North American Act to give the Province power to prevent Oriental ownership of lands, said that 14,000 acres in the province were owned, and 12,000 leased to Asiatics. It was now practically impossible to purchase produce in British Columbia which was not grown by Orientals. Japanese controlled the majority of small fruit farms and Chinese owned truck farming. He supported the resolution of the Minister of Mines urging the exclusion of Asiatic immigrants.

INCOME TAX IN THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

ANOTHER PROTEST MEETING AT SINGAPORE.

A second public meeting was held in the Victoria Theatre at Singapore on the 15th inst. under the auspices of the Straits Settlements (Singapore) Association to protest against the income tax. The Theatre was filled with a gathering representative of all communities. The principal resolution proposed, and carried with only two dissentients, was in the following terms: "That this meeting is of the opinion that the Government is not justified in re-imposing income tax, having regard to the financial position and needs of the Colony."

The Bishop of Singapore delivered a well-reasoned speech against the resolution.

The Bishop had desired to move an amendment, but the Committee had felt it impossible to accept any amendment to their resolution. On being so informed the Bishop sent his proposed amendment to the Press. It was in the following terms:

That the following be substituted for Resolution 1 as published.

That this meeting urges the Government of the Straits Settlements to take the following action as regards the Income Tax Ordinance now before the Legislative Council:—

(a.) To appoint a Commission to enquire into any difficulties or injustices caused by the present method of assessing for or collecting Income Tax in this Colony and to advise the Government as to any improvements which may be possible in this matter.

(b.) To remit to the Home Government any Income Tax collected in this Colony during the years 1923, 1924, and 1925, as a contribution from this Colony towards paying the interest on British War Loans.

(c.) To exempt from any payment of Income Tax during these three years all who have received or are entitled to receive the British Victory Medal of the late War.

In his letter the Bishop wrote:

Owing to the special circumstances of this Colony we were not able during the War to make a large contribution in manpower to our Armies compared that is to the proportion of population which went from any Canada, Australia, or India. Our financial contribution was also small. A great deal of population compared to the Home Country or the Dominions. Is it not therefore reasonable that we should now make some contribution in the way of taxation to the expenses which the Home Country has still to bear for the efforts she made in consequence of which we still remain a part of the British Empire?

CONVICTED IRISH REBELS.

APPLICATIONS FOR WRITS OF HABEAS CORPUS REFUSED.

LONDON, November 23rd.

At Dublin, the application for a writ of Habeas Corpus in the case of Erskine Childers has been refused.

Applications for writs of Habeas Corpus were refused in the case of eight other convicted men whose names were not disclosed.

FIRE AT NOVA SCOTIA.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE CAUSED.

HALIFAX (Nova Scotia), Nov. 23rd.

A quarter of a million dollars damage has resulted from a fire in the business quarters of Sydney. There were no casualties.

NEW U.S. SUPREME COURT JUDGE.

WASHINGTON, November 23rd.

President Harding has appointed Judge Pierce Butler of St. Paul an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, in succession to Judge William Day.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

We extract the following items from telegraphic news supplied to the Indian papers in the course of the election campaign.

"WE DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE ELECTION."

LONDON, October 23rd.

The catch phrase "We don't know where we are election," which has been current since Mr. Bonar Law's speech, was utilised by Mr. Lloyd George at Glasgow. Referring to Mr. Bonar Law's proposals with regard to the Cabinet Secretariat and Pensions Ministry he asked whether six great Conservative Ministers had been ejected from the Cabinet, in order to put Sir M. Hankey, Secretary to the Cabinet, into a pantechnicon and transfer him to the other side of the street and also to derivate the Pensions Department and see it running headless around the Treasury Yard. Mr. Lloyd George went on to remark that "extraordinary things are done by people who don't know where they are." He ridiculed the composition of the new Cabinet, not one of whom in achievement, experience, or talent was comparable to Lord Balfour, Lord Birkenhead, Sir Robert Horne, or Mr. Chamberlain, whom Mr. Lloyd George wholeheartedly praised. He said he was alarmed at the new Ministry's negative attitude which he described as "The nation is tired, let it go to bed." He declared that it would be impossible to maintain such an attitude in view of the grave unemployment at home and the serious situation abroad. Referring to the fact that the agreement between the Unionists and the National Liberals in Glasgow was now complete with the exception of the Catholic division, Mr. Lloyd George congratulated Scotsmen on facing the problem with their characteristic good sense, and hoped that their example would prevent the mischief spreading.

"DAILY MAIL'S" CRITICISM OF NEW PREMIER.

LONDON, October 27th.

There have been signs the last day or two that the Rothermere group of papers are swinging against Mr. Bonar Law. The climax is reached in a leader which the *Daily Mail* is publishing to-morrow in which referring to Mr. Bonar Law's statement at Glasgow "the people hardly know where they are," the paper says: "We share the bewilderment of the Premier. We do not know where he stands, but one thing is clear there is practically no change at all. Mr. Bonar Law has now had his chance. In our view he should have stated his policy on Monday. If he has a separate new policy he did not say so. His manifesto and speech are full of cloudy generalities, none more leaving the electorate in the dark. In all the columns we have gladly allotted Mr. Bonar Law there is but one definite statement, the proposal to cut down but not abolish the Secretariat. If this is the best Mr. Bonar Law can do, if his policy goes on further his wonderful administration will be greeted with laughter by half the world. He promises peace and tranquillity which we conclude means the tranquillity of the mangold wurzel. The Prime Minister has missed the bus."

MEMBERS WHO DID NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION.

A total of 122 members of the last Parliament did not seek re-election, including Messrs. Shortt, G. N. Barnes, Cecil Harcourt, Sir Archibald Hunter, Sir Charles Townshend, and Mr. Joseph Devlin.

LORD CARSON'S APPEALS.

Lord Carson, in a letter to the Press, says that Mr. Austen Chamberlain at Birmingham spoke the truth when he described the signing of the Irish Treaty a cause of the Conservative disunion, but Mr. Chamberlain and his colleagues are apparently unaware of the results of the policy over which they are gloating.

He draws a dark picture of the disordered state of Ireland, but admits that the new Government must give the Treaty a fair trial. He adds that the question of how long must be one for grave consideration. He concludes with earnest hope that people in England will insist on more sympathetic treatment of Loyalists in Ireland who are at present in a state of indescribable misery and destitution.

"THE THREE MUSKETEERS."

COMING NEXT WEEK.

Douglas Fairbanks always impresses one as a modern d'Artagnan and it is peculiarly fitting that it should have fallen to him to produce the screen version of "The Three Musketeers," which is being shown at the Coronet next week and to appear himself in the role of the dashing hero. Were it not that the great novelist was dead a good many years before the cinema was even invented, one might have suspected Dumas of having had the mercenary Douglas in mind when he created the dominating character of his most widely read book. A million dollars was expended on the making of the film for the screen by Mr. Edward Knoblock, the well-known English playwright. Upon the costumes alone nearly a hundred thousand dollars was spent and a great deal more than that was accounted for by the lavish settings. All told, there are 110 people in the cast, not including extras, and the weekly pay-roll for the players reached the staggering figure of \$25,000 a week. For sheer action "The Three Musketeers" excels anything that the popular film idol has ever appeared in. Altogether there are sixteen duels in the course of the picture and in one of them, valiantly backed up by the staggering triumvirate whose watchword is "All for one, one for all!" he crosses swords with eight rivals.

THE CANTON RICKSHA COOLIE.

WHAT HE EARNES AND HOW HE LIVES.

The following statements are extracted from the *Canton Times*:

Canton has now 3,000 rickshas controlled by three Syndicates, who pay to the city department of public utilities an annual license fee of \$100 for each ricksha. From the head coolies the syndicates receive 50 cents a day as rent in respect for run of each ricksha. In turn, these head coolies sublet a ricksha to two coolies for 60 cents a day, one pulling from early in the morning to three o'clock in the afternoon, and the other from three to midnight, each contributing 30 cents. In addition, a coolie has to pay 60 cents a year for the license.

The ricksha coolies usually live in large boarding houses managed by a head coolie who charges each \$1.50 a month rent for a bed. A coolie spends 30 cents upward a day for meals. The income of a ricksha coolie is about \$1.10 a day. After paying for his board and lodging and ricksha rent, he has some 20 cents left to pay fines and extra charges for damage, sometimes done to his vehicle.

Less than 30 per cent. of the ricksha coolies are married. They come mostly from Chaochow and Waichow. Others are natives of Kayun, Chungfah, Chingyun, and other districts. In several cases a dozen or more coolies rent a cheap house to lodge together.

Nowadays one often sees boys younger than eighteen years old pulling rickshas, but probably they have advanced their age in making the application for a license as the regulations do not allow of licenses being granted to youths under 18.

STREET BATTLE IN SINGAPORE.

GANG ROBBERS CAPTURED.

SEVERAL MEN SHOT.

The *Straits Times* of the 18th inst. says:—

For sometime past the detective branch have looked for gang robbers in connection with the murder of a detective in North Bridge Road, the attempted murder of another detective, and the commission of various robberies. Some nights ago, acting on information, they surrounded, as far as they could, the place the robbers were supposed to be in but the place was a difficult one to get at, and the robbers kept a good watch. The police eventually got into the place, some of the gang were arrested but several escaped. A number of weapons were also discovered.

The detectives, following up the gang, located them in the vicinity of the Gas Works and Capt. Groves, A.S.P., with Chief Detective Inspector Costello and Detective Inspector Phear made arrangements, with the assistance of other police officers to raid the place, a house in Lavender Street, Kallang, during the early hours of this morning.

The robbers, apparently, kept a good watch and immediately the police rushed the place they were fired upon; a couple of detectives being wounded at the outset of a serious scrap.

One of the robbers tried to escape by the back and was shot through the head by a detective. Some of the robbers were wounded and several arrests were made, but the more desperate of the gang took refuge in a small room at the back of a wood-cutting house and defied the police to dislodge them. Attempts were made to get them to parley, and get them out, but as soon as any police officer showed himself the robbers opened fire. Capt. Groves and Inspector Phear and others having narrow escapes.

One policeman was hit and wounded, and assistance was asked for from various stations, and after a while a contingent of Sikhs arrived on the scene and surrounded the place. Shots were fired by the police into the room from various directions, but the robbers refused to surrender.

Detective Inspector Phear and some of the detectives entered the house and fired several shots through the wall which were answered by shots from within. An attempt was made to break through the roof and the robbers fired from below.

The Sikhs were anxious to rush the room, but Mr. Lannigan, the Chief Police officer, who was on the scene, pointed out that they were bound to get the robbers in time, and thus restrained their ardour.

Soon after, one of the robbers, who was hit after a hole had been made in the wall to fire through, said he was prepared to come out, and he did so with his hands over his head as ordered to. He would not, however, say how many more were inside.

Later others surrendered and eventually Detective Inspector Phear, accompanied by Inspector Parsons, crawled up to the room but could not find any more rickshas. The officers, however, discovered a Mauser pistol, some revolvers, and a quantity of discharged cartridges. About 30 men were arrested altogether and there is no doubt that several of them belong to a notorious gang which has been operating for some time past. During what might be described as the battle of Lavender Street, both Mr. James, the Colonial Secretary, and Capt. Chanoeller, Inspector General of Police, were present and with the rest were within the range of the enemy's shots.

"Musketeers" excels anything that the popular film idol has ever appeared in. Altogether there are sixteen duels in the course of the picture and in one of them, valiantly backed up by the staggering triumvirate whose watchword is "All for one, one for all!" he crosses swords with eight rivals.

ARMS RUNNING.

THE SECOND BATCH FOR THE KING EDWARD HOTEL.

DEFENDANTS DISCHARGED.

The case, concerning the importation into the Colony by the *a.s. President Cleveland*, of a large quantity of arms and ammunition which were seized in transit to the King Edward Hotel came up for hearing before Mr. Lindell at the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon.

Two henchmen employed on the King Edward Hotel launch, named Shek Cheung Fook and Lam Pui were the defendants and the charge preferred against them was that of aiding and abetting the importation of arms into the Colony and also with unlawful possession of different quantities of arms.

Revenue Officer Chan Young gave evidence of accosting the two defendants at about 11.30 a.m. on the 15th inst., as they were coming down the gangway of the *a.s. President Cleveland* on to the Kowloon godowns wharf, alongside which the ship was berthed. He demanded to search two large leather suit cases which they were carrying. The defendants said that the baggage belonged to a foreign passenger of the *President Cleveland*, and the second man suggested that he go to look for the foreigner and leave his colleague and the two suit cases in the care of the Revenue Officer. The Revenue Officer consented and the second defendant, Lam Pui, went away along the wharf.

In the meantime, after waiting in vain on the wharf for ten minutes for the return of Lam Pui, the first defendant was taken to the Kowloon branch Revenue Office, on the old police pier, together with the suit cases and there Revenue Officer Lannigan examined the suit cases and found on each a label with the typewritten words: "T. Hanson, stateroom 114, *President Cleveland*." A search for the person named was made on the *President Cleveland* without success and R.O. Lannigan broke open the suit cases and discovered altogether 54 Smith-Wesson revolvers, two Mauser pistols, one of them with stock, 1,400 cartridges, and fourteen cleaners. On the information of the first accused, R.O. Lannigan left Kowloon in a motor boat for Hongkong, and arrested the second defendant aboard the King Edward Hotel launch which was lying at a busy arm's little distance from the Statue Pier.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, for the defendants wished to know if the police proposed to proceed on the first charge, for, as he understood the law, they could not charge a man with aiding and abetting the commission of an offence unless it had been proved that the offence had been committed by some other offender.

The Magistrate said he would hear the evidence first.

Frank Bert Dittman, parson of the *President Cleveland*, said cabin 114 was occupied as far as Shanghai on the outward voyage from America, but was not used on the Manila-Hongkong voyage. There was no passenger by the name of T. Hanson at any time during the voyage.

Examined by Mr. d'Almada, Mr. Dittman stated that after it had been vacated the cabin was in charge of the chief steward, but the room boy had a pass key. In the course of the voyage the room boy could have admitted any passenger or baggage into the room.

Revenue Officer Lannigan and his Chinese colleague then gave evidence of the seizure. R.O. Lannigan said that the statements of the defendant to him were that the suit cases had been handed to them by a foreign passenger on the *President Cleveland* to be taken to the King Edward Hotel by the hotel's launch. The suit cases were extraordinarily heavy.

Lam Kay, second runner of the King Edward Hotel, then explained the procedure adopted by him in boarding steamers. He stated that he carried with him blank cards of the hotel and these would be filled up by patrons whom he succeeded in obtaining, the information written thereon giving the name of the patron, his luggage, etc. When he boarded steamers there were usually one or two steamed of the hotel's launch accompanying him who would help in removing the patrons' baggage from the ship. The steamed also carried blank cards to be filled in. In this case the defendants boarded the *President Cleveland* with him, and he heard them shout out "A foreign passenger wants us." He later saw them stopped on the wharf whilst carrying two suit cases.

Questioned by the Magistrate witness said it was not an uncommon occurrence for the card to be filled up on the launch after the baggage had been taken on board.

The Magistrate remarked at the conclusion of the evidence that he agreed with Mr. d'Almada's submission because it seemed to him that the importation was complete with the arrival of the ship here. It was a previous offence. He did not think that the defendants, in any case, could be said to aid and abet the importation even if it could be proved that they conveyed the arms ashore knowing what they were. It was doubtful. That being so, only the charge of possession remained. The evidence was that the men carried the suit cases which were particularly heavy and which they apparently obtained in the course of their ordinary duties. His Worship said there was not sufficient evidence.

Sub-Inspector Pinbott, who prosecuted, agreed, and the defendants were discharged.

His Worship ordered the arms to be confiscated.

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MISS WETHERED'S TRIUMPH

[FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.]

HUMPHREYS, October 13th.
Miss Wethered claimed her undoubted
right to-day when, for the third time in
succession, she won the English Ladies'
Golf Championship.Time must come when Miss Wethered
will be beaten, but for the moment there
is nothing to discourage one from antici-
pating for her a continual series of vic-
tories. It was remarked in the accounts of
the Ladies' Open Championship this year
that Miss Wethered and Miss Cecil Leitch
occupied a position in contemporary ladies'
golf as pre-eminent as that of Mr. Freddy
Tait and Mr. John Ball in amateur golf, and
the time has now come to supplement that
opinion with the definite statement that
Miss Wethered is a better player to-day than
ever Miss Leitch was. Miss Leitch, through
plucking sticking to the game when she
should have been giving her injured arm a
rest, is not able at the moment to falsify this
opinion of their comparative merits, but I
am sure that her absence has not affected
the ultimate result of this Championship.Many different reasons are given by the
spectators as they plod their way round
the links watching Miss Wethered pile up
hole after hole on successive hopeless
opponents as to what particular virtue it
is that entitles her to so unique a
position. Her temperament is perfect,
and her conduct both in playing particular
matches and in regard to her general
attitude towards a big meeting is ideal.
Not for her is it to dash into the club
house when she has won a match to
run her finger up and down the board to
see whom she meets next and to
obtain valueless estimates of her op-
ponents. She attacks the business more
in the manner of Mr. John Ball,
caring little whom she meets, and paying
attention only to be on the teeing ground
when her name is called. She is in fact an
earnest golfer, but never too earnest to be
the most charming of opponents. From
what I have seen of her play in this
championship—and I have seen bits of
every round that she has played—I am con-
vinced that the secret of her continual
success is built not so much on terrific
length as on a wonderfully sympathetic
touch in her short game. If Miss Wethered
could have played that fatal chip shot
for George Duncan on the 18th green at
Sandwich, there would have been a tie
in the Open Championship, for the
manner in which she plays such a stroke
is immaculate. Her putting, too, during
this week must have been a sheer delight
even to those who have lost all faith in the
putting powers of the golfers of this
country. People who talk about Miss
Wethered playing brassy shots like Harry
Vardon are talking nonsense, but those
who compare her putting with that of
Hagen have some justification for their
enthusiasm. As befits so great a champion
she is modest to the extent of being almost
mouse-like, and she resembles her brother
in that she is almost impossible to pick out
from the middle of the on-coming crowd,
slipping out almost apologetically to play
her shot and fading back into the gallery
until she is wanted again.

THE RUNNER UP.

Miss Stocker need have no shame that
she was five holes down at Luncheon, for
she held her own for a long time, and it
was not until she found that the more
likely she was to win a hole the more
likely was Miss Wethered to play a
superlative stroke that she showed signs
of chopping her own game.It was Miss Wethered who drew the
first blood in winning the third hole in
four to five, but Miss Stocker won the
short fourth, where a bunker guarding
the right-hand corner of the green
seems to have held a magnetic attraction
for her during the whole Meeting.
The fifth was won by Miss Wethered, and
she looked to have won the sixth, where
she holed a beautiful putt of seven yards,
but Miss Stocker gallantly followed her
with a putt of three yards for the half in
three. The short seventh is perhaps the
most entertaining hole on the links, for
the green, which is short but broad, is
guarded right up to its very edge with
broken sandhills, but Miss Wethered has
realized that the correct side of the green
to which to play is the left, and so she won
that hole. The eighth and ninth were
decorously halved, leaving Miss Wethered
two up at the turn, having gone out in 36.Miss Wethered got another hole at the
11th, where Miss Stocker was bunkered
off her second shot; but Miss Stocker
came again at her at the 12th with a
beautifully judged iron shot for her second
stroke and a resultant three. The 13th
is ever a strong player's hole. Miss
Wethered won it in four to five, and she
seemed to be gathering in a handsome
luncheon lead when she was won the 14th.
At the 16th, however, she hit her ap-
proach putt just too hard, and Miss
Stocker, making the most of the slender
opportunities which had been offered to
her, got back a hole. She looked certain
to regain yet another at the 16th, where
Miss Wethered holed a nice yard putt for
a three when Miss Stocker was lying dead
in two; but the 17th was Miss Wethered's
all the way, and so was the 18th too. Miss
Wethered was, therefore, five up at
luncheon, and the result seemed almost
beyond doubt.Miss Stocker, however, showed that she
was not yet beaten by winning the first two
holes in the afternoon, but even then there
was a clear indication that she was feeling
the strain of an unequal battle, though if
she had been a little more lucky with her
putts she might have been able to make Miss
Wethered hole even more putts than she did.
As it was, Miss Wethered let her opponent's
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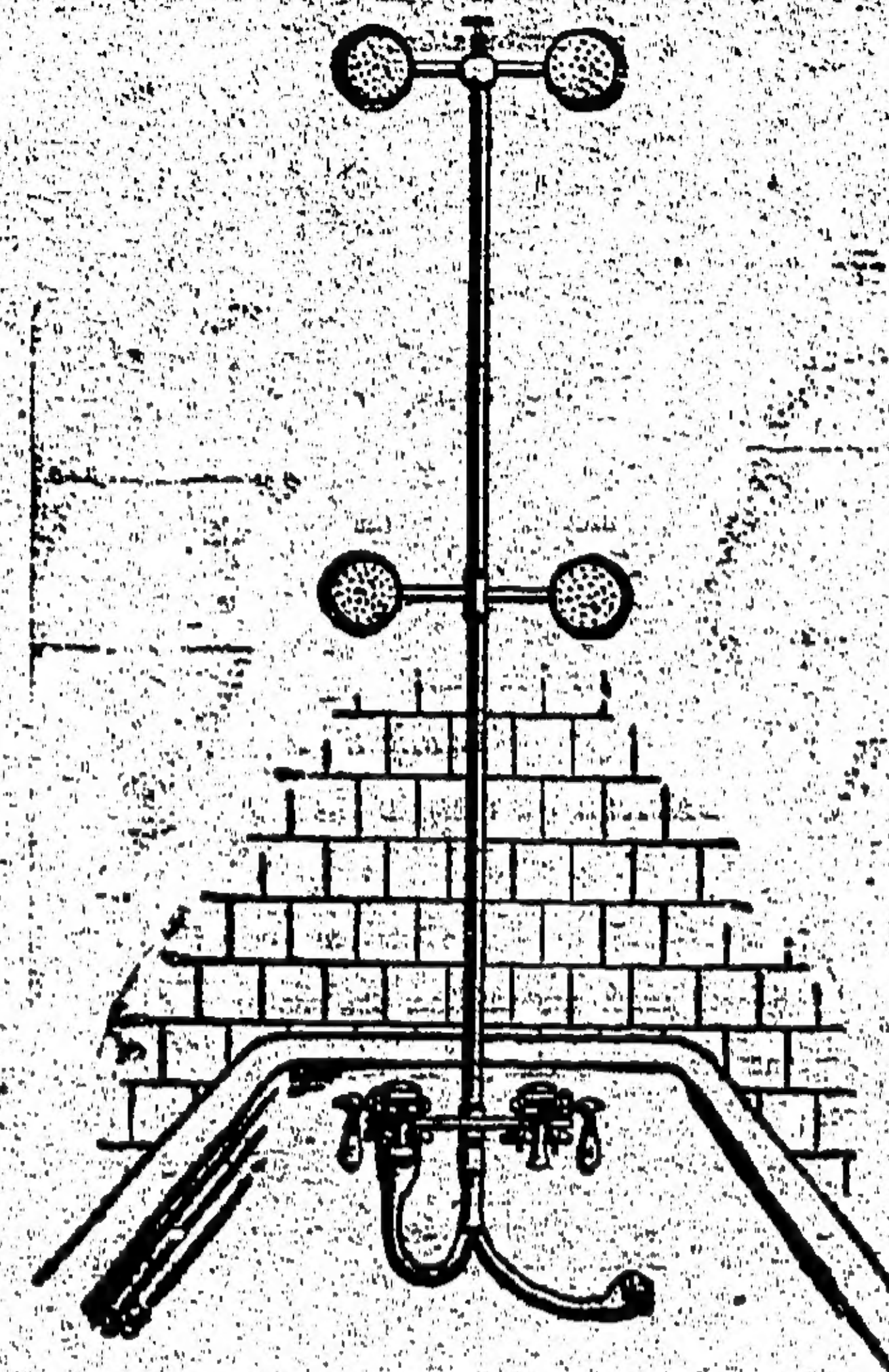
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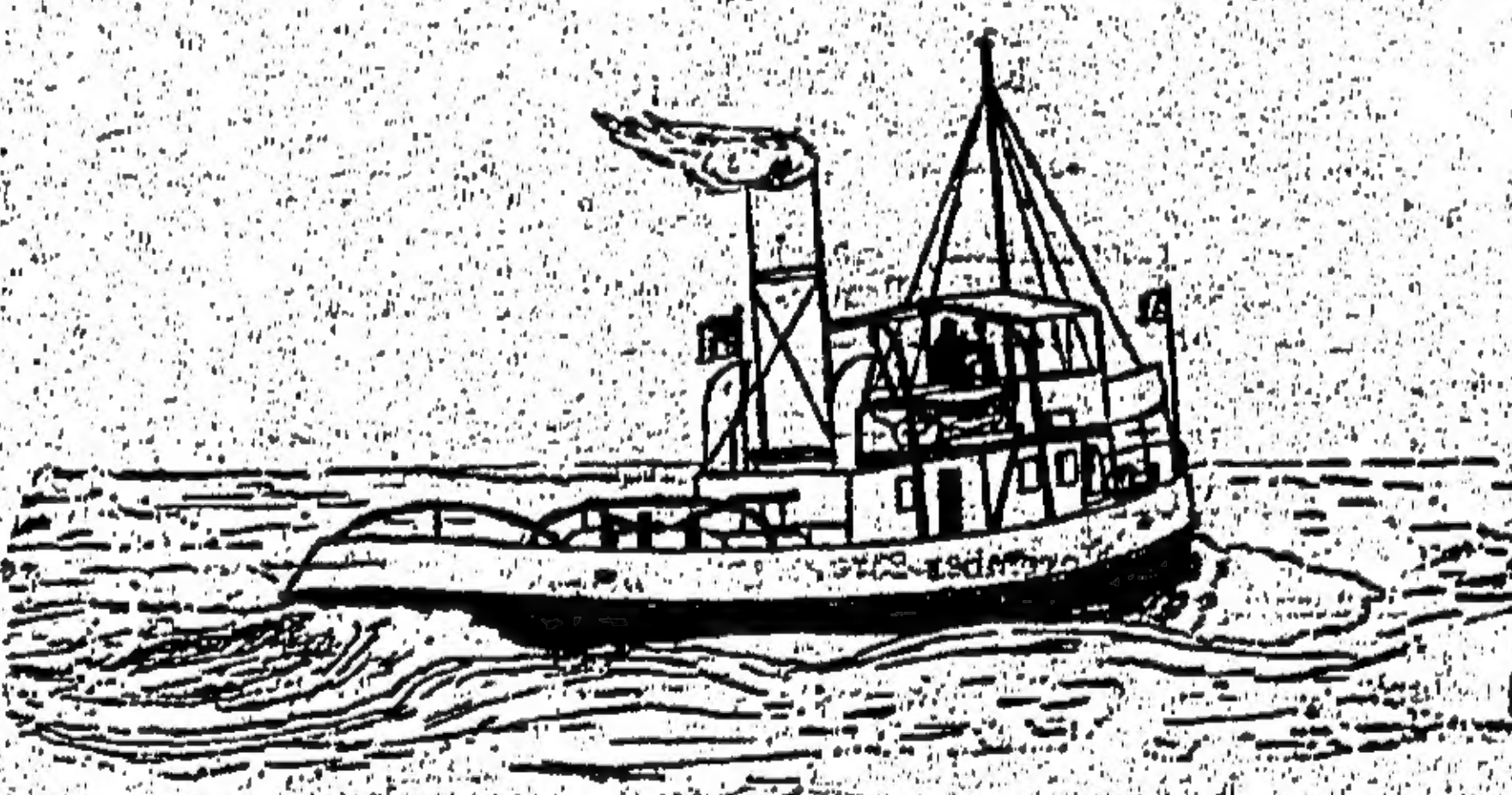
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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The Pacific Mail s.s. *President Wilson* is due here about 3 p.m. to-day (November 25th), and will be despatched for Manila at 5 p.m. on November 27th arriving there on Wednesday daylight.

The s.s. *Philippines* (Blue Funnel) for London, Hull, Antwerp and Rotterdam, left Shanghai on November 23rd for this port, is due here on November 26th, and will be despatched at 4 p.m. on November 27th.

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Arafura (E. & A.), due Dec. 5th. *Aura Maru* (N.Y.K.), due Nov. 26th. *Easton* (E. & A.), due Nov. 27th. *Elpenor* (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 3rd. *Kawachi Maru* (N.Y.K.), due Nov. 28th. *Mentor* (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 6th. *Nileus* (Blue Funnel), due Nov. 26th. *Pres. Wilson* (P.M.), due to-day, 3 p.m. *Taiichi Maru* (N.Y.K.), due Nov. 28th. *Tosa Maru* (N.Y.K.), due Dec. 3rd. *Wakata Maru* (N.Y.K.), due Nov. 28th.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—25th November, 1922. 8th Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion, 8.00 a.m. Matins (11 a.m.). Responses, Psalms, Venite, Tenebrae, Psalms, 147 Battistini, 148 Battistini, Te Deum, Oakeley, Tenebrae, 2nd day; Benediction, Garrett; Anthem, "O praise God"; Blair; Hymn, 183.

N.B.—Psalm 147, verses 1, 7, 19, 18 in unison. Psalm 148, verses 1, 7, 8, 19 in unison. Hymns 183, verses 1 & 3 (1st half only) in unison.

Healing Service (12 noon); Evensong (6 p.m.); Responses, Psalms, 149, Tenebrae, 148 Battistini (11th); Magnificat, Battistini; Smart; Nunc Dimittis, Foster; Hymns, 177, 280, 288.

N.B.—Psalm 149, verses 1, 8, 9 in unison. Psalm 150, verses 1, 8, 9 in unison. Hymn 177, verses 1, 8, 9 in unison. Hymn 178, verses 1, 3, 5 in unison. Hymn 288, verses 1, 3, 5 in unison.

Union Church (Kennedy Row).—Sunday Services: November 25th. Morning Service at 11 o'clock. Evening Service at 6 o'clock.

Preacher:—Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald. Sunday School—4.30. Christian Endeavour Meeting on Friday, at 8.30 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, MacDonnell Road, below Bowen Road. Sunday, Nov. 25th, 11.15 a.m. Wednesday, 6.45 p.m.

University Students' Service: Association (Rhenish Mission Church, Bonham Road).—Sunday, Nov. 26th, 1922, at 7.30 p.m.

Hymns—291, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," 145, "O God, our help in ages past." Anthem—"Star of Bethlehem." Soloist—Dr. J. Fenton, F.M.D.

Preacher:—Mr. N. Toesdale Mackintosh, M.A. (Registrar of the University of Hongkong). Subject:—"The Chinese Republic." [1589]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Nov. 24th, at 11.53.—Pressure is highest to the north of Korea. It has increased considerably from Vladivostok to central and S.W. Japan. It has decreased moderately at Haiphong and slightly from Hongkong to Formosa, the Philippines and Guam.

Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. 24th Nov., 0.33 inch. Total since January 1st, 88.44 inches, against an average of 81.3 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

DISTRICT	FORECAST
Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, moderate; overcast and rainy at first, improving later.
Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh.

South coast of China between the same as Hongkong and Lamrocks. No 1.

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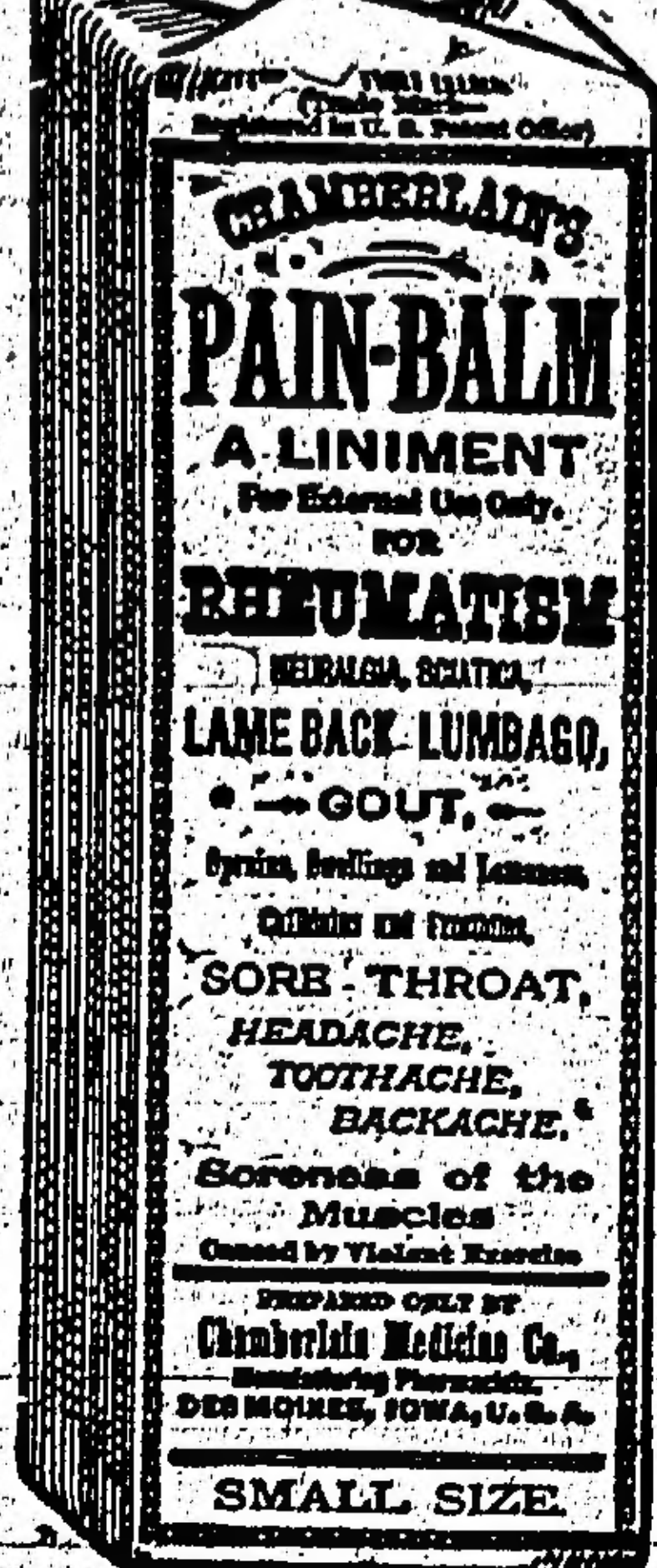
HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, November 24th.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 5 p.m.	at 5 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.7	30.08	30.02
Temperature	72	63	64
Humidity	23	85	89
Wind Direction	E	E	Calm
Force	3	3	0
Weather	0	Op	Op
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.41

Highest open-air temperature on 23rd ... 73

Lowest open air temperature on 24th ... 52



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